



MURRIETA FIRE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY REPORT



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FIRE CHIEF'S NEW WEB-MESSAGE

Murrieta Fire Provides Just a Little More...

It has been roughly 34 years since a badge was first pinned on my fire department uniform shirt. Times were certainly different then; some would argue that decades' worth of progress in technology, efficiencies, and communication have made our work lives measurably better. Others would lament that these same developments have deteriorated the human side of what makes a business great.

Customer service was once defined by those you developed relationships with while eating at a mom-and-pop diner, getting gas at a station where the attendant actually filled your tank, gave green stamps, and washed your windows, and trips to buy shoes from a shop the size of my uncle's panel van. In many cases, these relationships are now being replaced by warehouse stores, vending machines, and 140-character tweets that leave too little time to think about any consequences.

This reflection is not intended as an indictment on how our society has evolved; I enjoy the new gadgets and seeing my grandkids on Facebook as much as anyone. It is, however, a serious consideration that members of the Murrieta Fire Department are beginning to consider as we begin to plan our next steps on how best to grow as an organization.

The words "culture" or "tradition" are often used to describe the characteristics of public safety agencies that make them unique. It is true that a family-like atmosphere exists between the men and women of the police and fire service who have taken an oath to "protect and serve." They eat, clean, inspect, train, respond, and sometimes argue like any other brother or sister might when they spend so much time together. They are also likely to find the outer edges of each person's limitations, leading them to support, empathize, and occasionally mourn for the same reasons.

As a Chief that has been a part of six different fire departments, I bring this up because I have seen a number of agencies that have failed to fully understand the impact that some traditions have to have on the quality of service they provide to their community. It is hard to describe, but it is almost as though when a new recruit graduates from the academy they are issued the first of many bricks intended to insulate themselves from any outside influences that may threaten their security or expose them to a level of emotion that could jeopardize their effectiveness as a firefighter. These perceived threats may take the form of a down economy, politics, personal agendas, traumatic events, or contrasting personalities.

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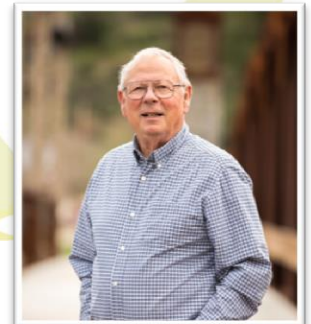
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CAUGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Mike Samuels has been an Administration Office Volunteer for almost five years. (Start date was 6/23/11) In that time he has logged over 750 hours of service delivering mail and packages to our Fire Stations, assisting the Fire Mechanic with delivery and pick up of Fire Engines, and participating with our Training Department and EMS Coordinator during paramedic testing as a patient.



He always comes in with a positive attitude and a duty to service. He is ready to assist where ever there is a need. I enjoy his easy going character and his ability to share interesting stories and information with the staff and crews. His dedication and commitment to this volunteer position is commendable. - Kay

IN THE QUEUE

- June 29-30: ACLS - PALS
- June 25: Murrieta Birthday Bash
- July: Unearth MFD time capsule
- July 28 – Nov 5: TIP Academy
- Aug 17-Oct 7: Citizens Fire Academy



MURRIETA LAUNCHES NEW WEBPAGE



Dawn Morrison and Terri Aylward were a tremendous help in getting the Fire Department site operational!

SUICIDE IS KILLING OUR FIREFIGHTERS: WHAT'S TO BLAME AND HOW TO STOP IT



QUICK ASSESSMENT GUIDE for Firefighters and EMS

"Saving Those
Who Save Others"

Top Five (5) Behavioral Health Issues/Suicide Signs affecting Firefighters & EMS Professionals

- 1 Isolation** – becoming distant from the company around the firehouse. Does not actively participate with his/her crew anymore.
- 2 Loss of Confidence** – states they have loss of confidence in their ability to perform their skills as an EMT/Paramedic or as a firefighter.
- 3 Sleep Deprivation** – Difficulties sleeping both at the station or on off days. Loss of sleep can be an early sign of anxiety and stress as well.
- 4 Anger** – Suppressed anger can be a dangerous sign. Displacement can take place where the firefighter takes out their anger at home instead of dealing with the issue at the firehouse.
- 5 Impulsive** – Purchasing guns when they have always been against guns, riding a motorcycle recklessly, charging into a burning building against policy or procedure.

Top Five (5) Steps to Assist Your Brother and Sister

- 1 Be Proactive, Be Direct** – We do this when responding to emergency. We need to approach our own when they appear to need help.
- 2 Direct Questions** – Remember these two questions. If a firefighter comes to you with suicidal thoughts ask:
1) Do you feel like killing yourself now?
2) Do you have a plan?
A "yes" to any one of these questions means you need to seek medical help immediately.
Do not leave person alone.
- 3 Compassion** – Our culture has tradition of not asking for help. Show compassion, stay in the moment when talking to them.
- 4 Discretionary Time** – If a firefighter comes to you with a problem that you don't understand, then use discretionary time. Simply state that you need to do research to gain information to help them.
- 5 Walk the Walk** – If your brother or sister is in need, stand by their side to help them through their issues.



RESOURCES:

URGENT EMERGENCY
Dial: 9-1-1

Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance
847-209-8208
www.ffbha.org

National Volunteer Fire Council
Share the Load
Fire/EMS Helpline
1-888-731-FIRE (3473)
www.nvfc.org

WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN

WWW.FFBHA.ORG

MFD PHOTO HOT SHOTS



A-Shift - Nice stop on Via Taffia Fire



TA: Murrieta Hot Springs/Via Princessa



Demo red ribbon week at Oak Meadows Elementary school



Father's Day Car Show



The Importance of Staying Hydrated

-By Aaron Zamzow, Firefighter Nation

Every firefighter understands how important water is for fighting fires. It's engrained in our minds from the time we enter the academy until the day we retire: "Put the wet stuff on the red stuff." The part that's well overlooked is how the "wet stuff" can help a firefighter perform in the heat throughout the day. [-MORE](#)



Orlando Doctors Describe Triage and Treatment of Shooting Victims

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The first victim of the nightclub shooting arrived shortly after 2 a.m. and was relatively stable, giving doctors on the overnight shift hope that any others would not be severely wounded.

Then five more came, in much worse shape, and then more and more, until even hardened trauma surgeons and nurses were brought to tears by the sight of so many bleeding people lining up in the emergency room.



"They were dropped off in truckloads, in ambulance-loads," said Dr. Kathryn Bondani. The hospital ran out of ambulances, so firefighters, police and truck-driving citizens ferried the injured. [-MORE](#)

CQI update:

The treatment of adult and pediatric with suspected bronchospasm who receive bronchodilators has been added to REMSA's quarterly QI data. This is a state QI measure. The goal is to determine how effectively we treat patients in respiratory distress who have decreased lung sounds, wheezes, and/or rhonchi with bronchodilators.

OPERATIONS

66	EMS
0	Fires
9	Motor Vehicle Accidents
4	Hazardous-No Fire
19	Public Assistance
8	Beeping Smoke Detectors
10	Police Assist
18	Cancelled Calls
8	False Alarms
40	Miscellaneous
182	Total Calls



California State Fire Marshal Tanya Hoover announced her intentions to retire

Taking a closer look at the DATA



Equipment Brief

- The Mechanic

Truck 2: OOS: Cummins/engine overhaul
 Engine 4: Low idle problem
 Ranger 5: Transmission
 OES: Deployed on strike team



Facilities Brief

- BC Kean

Station 1: Nothing to report
 Station 2: Mold remediation is underway
 Station 3: Nothing to report
 Station 4: Nothing to report
 Station 5: Nothing to report



EMS CALLS ONLY - (June 13-19)

Call Processing Time (Secs): 35
 Turnout Time (Mins): 1:11
 Travel Time (Mins): 3:53
 Total Time to Arrival (Mins): **5:39**

FIRE CALLS ONLY

Call Processing Time (Secs): 48
 Turnout Time (Mins): 1:12
 • Delayed due to brush change-over
 Travel Time (Mins): 3:50
 Total Time to Arrival (Mins) **5:50**



Engine 5 responded to a traffic collision in the area of Via Moreno c/o Windsor Ct. TR1 personnel assisted in securing the water system and SoCal Edison arrived to mitigate the electrical hazard associated with the downed street light.

Dates: June 13 - June 17

Fire Final	6
Fire Underground Hydro	0
Fire Overhead Hydro	15
Fire Alarm	0
Fire Rough	19
Fire Sprinkler Final	0
Fire Miscellaneous	2
Fire Flush	0
Business Inspection	0

New Submittals

- Fire Sprinkler 0
- Fire Alarm 1
- Building 1
- High Pile Storage 1
- Underground 0

Resubmittals

- Fire Sprinkler 0
- Fire Alarm 0
- Building 2

Approved Plans 0
 Corrections 0

Fees Collected \$2,608



City of Murrieta is celebrating 25th annual Birthday Bash this weekend, including a fireworks show on Saturday night at 9:00 pm. Exposhow will provide a SAFE aerial display for the community to enjoy consisting of 6 multishot devices, 80 (2"), 460 (2.5"), 510 (3") and 41 (4") shells to be fired electronically.

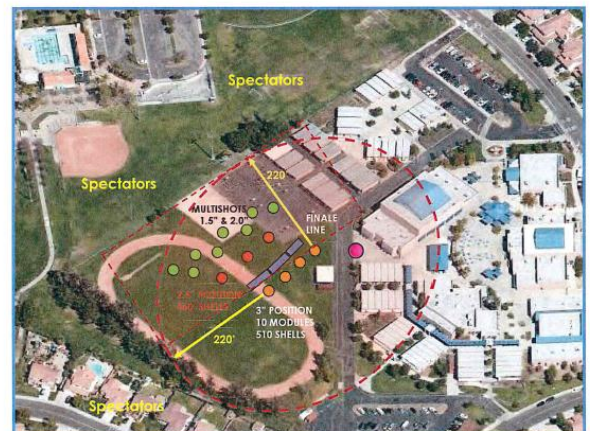
Fire Prevention will be working stand-by for the event. Attached is approved site map.

- Jason

FIRE PREVENTION

Plot Map / Firing Site Configuration

Shivela Middle School, 24515 Lincoln Ave. Murrieta, CA



Plot Map 1 Firing Site and Display Zone Safety Perimeters

- 220' Safety Zone Radius 3" Bore Breaking Shells
- 175' Safety Zone Radius 2.5" Bore Breaking Shells
- 70-140' Safety Radius 1"-2" Bore/Multishot
- 340' Safety Zone Radius " & Finale Effects (41 each)
 Exceeds 4" Minimum Safety Zone Radius of 280' by 60'

Laser Operations, Park Coverage Maps and Summary Fireworks Safety Perimeter Plot Maps follow.

- ADJUSTMENTS TO SITE SHALL BE APPROVED BY FIRE MARSHAL, BASED ON WIND SPEED/DIRECTION.

Continued... Web-Message

The problem is that over the years this veneer can become so thick with calcification that the "safe place" created to weather the storm has also effectively shielded them from the contemporary influences that would otherwise ensure their sustainability. In effect, they have become victims of their own device, making them more susceptible to doubt and an erosion of trust.

It is within this context that the sworn and civilian members of the Murrieta Fire Department are beginning to excel. Through a number of newly formed committees and workgroups, our employees have entered into a comprehensive period of self-assessment; one that will help refine our decision-making by taking advantage of the best budget, planning and data tools.

But...this is not what makes this organization special. What does is that our firefighters are invested in the community the same way as the gas station attendant or shop keeper was decades ago, when relationships were still a critical part of any definition of success. Unlike many communities, most of our firefighters live in town. As such, they approach each person, not simply as a patient, but as a friend or a neighbor.

To be clear, our paramedic firefighters do just a little bit more – they have learned to protect a culture that firmly believes that it is the personnel touches that can make them the best.

So, while it is true that I have been fortunate to have been a part of a number of very good agencies, it is equally true that I have never been so proud to be a part of an organization that works hard, believes in continuous improvement, and cares as much for their community as do these men and women. They have never forgotten the love of service that grew from the spirit of a handful of volunteers in 1947.



Active Fires

Border Fire in San Diego County Grows to 1,500 Acres

Boarder Fire

- BCs Keen and Perez, Captain Norton, Engineer Jackson, and FF/PMs Asbury and Brann were deployed on June 19

South Ops Dispatch (San Bernardino)

- Captain Tiss was deployed on June 16

So we can all go home...

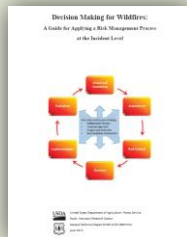
SAFETY/HEALTH

-MFD Safety and Health Committee

Wildland Risk Management

Last week we covered the 3rd life safety initiative that urged us all to practice good risk management. This week we want to still discuss risk management but focus on the wildland application of it. This year's fire season is predicted to be very challenging and intense and we all must continue to hone our risk management abilities in order to ensure we all come home safely.

Risk management in the wildland environment is not a new concept and we have many tools to help us such as then 10's and 18's, LCES, and our structure triage labels. The attached article was published by the forest service and discusses how they address risk management, or as they refer to it, "risk-informed decision making." When it comes to risk, they instruct their firefighters to be deliberate, non-linear, and progressive in their planning as they apply the best possible information to the risk. They also use a cyclical approach, making risk management an ongoing process involving: situational awareness, assessment, risk control, decision, implementation, and evaluation before going back to situational awareness.



I would encourage all crews to take the time to read the linked article and discuss how these principles can be applied at all levels and in different wildland situations both locally and when deployed on a strike team.

- Ackerman

CA-MVU Border Fire, vegetation, San Diego County, CAL FIRE San Diego Unit SRA

Border Fire, vegetation, San Diego County, CAL FIRE San Diego Unit SRA
Brush fire with threat to the WUI

Evacuations: Community of Potrero is under mandatory evacuations.

Evacuation Shelter: Red Cross has opened up a shelter at Campo Elementary School (1654 Buckman Springs Road)

Road Closures : Highway 94 is closed

Location: off Highway 188 and Highway 94 near Tecate, 2 miles west of Potrero San Diego County SRA

Fuels: grass, brush

Updates:

06/19/16 1900: 1,500 acres, 0% contained.

- Mandatory evacuation orders for the community of Potrero
- Threat to critical infrastructure
- Hwy 94 is closed
- FMAG process initiated